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WORKERS' LIVING CONDITIONS IMPROVED;  
SKILLED LABOR TRAINED

WORKERS' FACILITIES IMPROVED -- Izgrev, No 1360, 10 Mar 49

The Section for Workers' Supply, Ministry of Industry, announces a significant improvement in living conditions for workers in state industrial enterprises during 1948.

During the year, 764 workers' mess halls, serving 57,767 workers, have been installed and equipped with all the necessary equipment. Twice as many workers were served during 1948 as in the preceding year. Also, 706 new workers' dormitories, housing 14,094 working men and women, and 1,818 apartments for over 2,400 workers' families were opened during the year. In comparison with 1947, 120 percent more workers were housed in 50 percent more housing units during 1948. In the 35 new children's homes established during the year, 2½ times more children were accommodated than in 1947.

INDUSTRY TRAINS SKILLED LABOR -- Izgrev, No 1355, 3 Mar 49

During 1948, more than 171 specialists' courses were given in 40 different branches of industry to train skilled industrial personnel for the increasing needs of Bulgarian industry. About 7,000 persons completed the courses, while another 9,000 will take similar courses this year. Many of the graduates of such courses have qualified as experts.

Thirty new specialists' courses were opened between 1 January and 18 February 1949, and others will be opened later this year.

BULGARIAN BUILDS X-RAY EQUIPMENT -- Otechestvan Front, No 1385, 3 Mar 49

A self-taught Bulgarian, Nencho Minkov, has been building X-ray equipment since 1923. The 73 Minkov X-ray machines now used

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for diagnosis in Bulgaria make up one fifth of the total number of such machines in the country. There are also 600 pieces of electrically operated medical equipment or apparatus in Bulgaria, including diathermal equipment, pantostats, thermostats, steel adapters, and antidiiffusers. Minkov also has constructed an apparatus for automatic transition from radioscopy to radiography.

On 9 September 1944, Minkov placed himself at the disposal of the national government. He is now connected with the Lekarska Kooperatsiya (Medical Cooperative), which manufactures a great variety of X-ray and electrically operated medical equipment. He is engaged chiefly in tuberculosis research and in promoting the Bulgarian X-ray industry.

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